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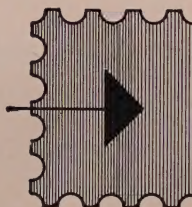
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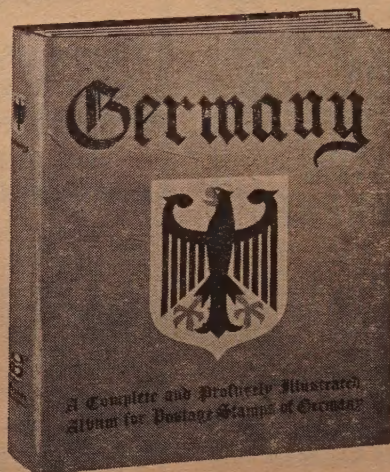
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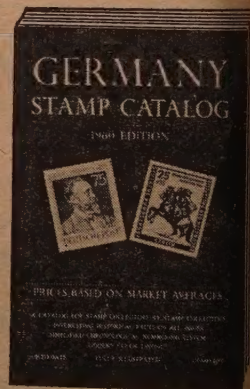
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AUGUST 13, 1960

Sixty-Sixth Annual Convention of the S.P.A.

THE Society of Philatelic Americans will have their sixty-sixth annual convention August 11, 1960, in the air-conditioned Staton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, with the Mound City Stamp Club as host.

There will be 30-dealer bourse and a 200-frame exhibition, with fees from collectors all over the world. There will be a special exhibit of material related to the theme of the show, which is the part St. Louis played in the old Pony Express. There will be government exhibits from the United States and Canada, and a display of the Canadian Seaway issue, including the insets.

The Post Office Department will have a sub-station with recent commemoratives from the Philatelic Agency on sale, and there will be a convention post office with special cancellation. The latter will be in addition to the first day cancellation

which is to be applied to the 7c fire-red airmail booklet pane stamps which will go on sale for the first time at the exhibition on August 19th, with special ceremonies conducted by Post Office Department officials, headed by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Director of the Division of Philately, Washington, D. C.

The banquet will be held at 7 P.M. on Saturday night, August 20, preceded by a cocktail hour. Featured speaker will be Barney Dickmann, former Mayor of St. Louis and for many years Postmaster of St. Louis. Installation of new officers will take place during this event, as well as presentation of exhibition awards.

In addition to the Grand Award, there will be S.P.A. medals for first, second and third places in each class, the Postal History trophy, the American Revenue Association Award, S.P.A. President's Award, S.P.A. Vice President's Award, S.P.A. Research Award, Meters and Slogans Award, American Topical Association awards.

There will be an auction at 3 P.M. on Saturday, and during the convention there will be special meetings daily of the *Missouri Precancel Club*, as well as regional meetings of several other specialty groups, including the *Germany Philatelic Society* and the *Czechoslovak Philatelic Society*.

Special trips have been planned to Shaw's Gardens, the Jefferson Memorial, the Art Museum, and the Old Court House; also Mississippi River steamer trips, and other sight-seeing tours. Luncheons, opera performances, and other social activities and amusements are to be available.

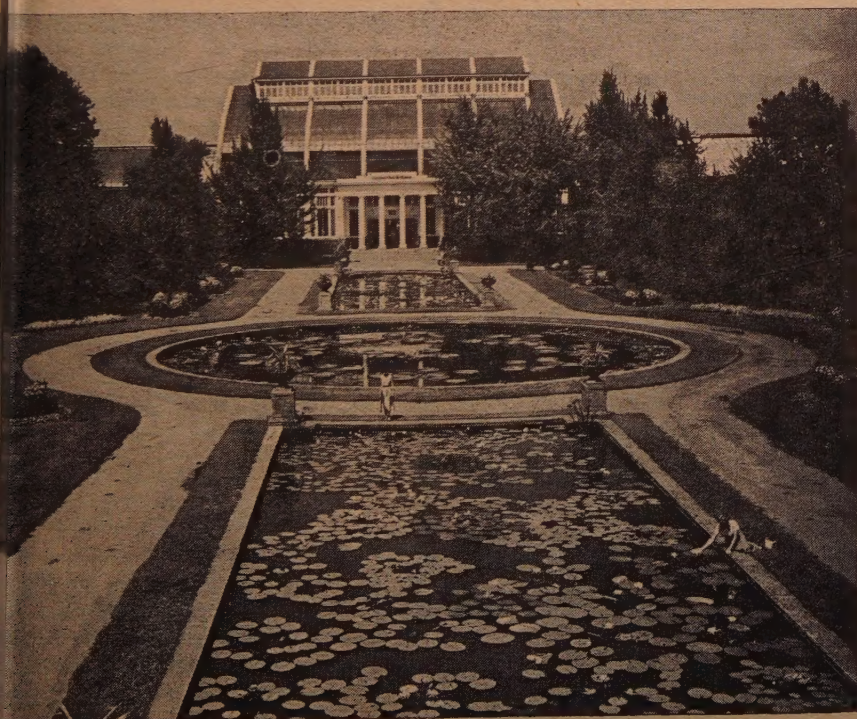
Raymond R. Tucker, Mayor of St. Louis, has proclaimed August 15, 1960, as *Stamp Collectors' Week*, in tribute to the S.P.A. convention.

The general chairman of the convention is Shade Wilson, 309 North 11th St., St. Louis 1, Missouri, who will be glad to give any further information you may desire.

History of the S.P.A.

THE present-day Society of Philatelic Americans was first inaugurated at Macon, Mississippi, on February 1, 1894, as *The Southern Philatelic Association*, with J. H. Chappell, Jr., as the chief founder and first president. Other outstanding founding members were Ben Russell, of Alexander City, Alabama; J. H. Conley, of Munford, Alabama; and E. W. Heusinger, of San Antonio, Texas. Within two years the membership had reached 387, but then a decline set in, reducing the membership to only 62 by 1897. Things drifted along until 1906, when R. L. Doak, of Ohio, became secretary to the organization which by then had been reduced to only 18 members in good standing. By the end of 1907 the new secretary had brought the membership up to 228, and in 1912 it had reached close to 300.

Clifford W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pennsylvania, was elected president in September 1913, and under his dynamic leadership, the Association



Shaw's Garden, Saint Louis, Missouri



The Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in Saint Louis, Missouri, where the S.P.A. convention will be held August 18-21, 1960

moved ahead with amazing speed. At the end of his first four months the membership stood at 356, with 300 more added in 1914, and at the close of 1915, there were 945 members in good standing. The year of 1916 saw 1,492, and as 1917 closed the membership was 1,804.

At the 1918 convention in Niagara Falls, the name of the Association was changed to the *Society of Philatelic Americans*.

As happened to many other societies, the First World War played havoc with the S.P.A., and membership had dropped to 869 by 1919. But it came back again after the war under fresh new leadership, reaching 1,459 by 1928 and 2,367 by August 1938.

The introduction of the *S.P.A. Journal*, which since 1943 has been edited by *J. Elmer Zinsmeister*, brought new impetus to the growth of the Society. By the time of the 50th anniversary convention in Chicago in 1944, when *J. Edwin Vining* was president, the membership had climbed to 2,018. *Vining*, who was succeeded by *Vincent L. Manski*, later became the executive secretary of the S.P.A., serving in that capacity until his death. *Manski* was succeeded in that post by the present holder of the office, *Henri O. Nouss*.

Membership in the S.P.A. has continued to enjoy a steady upward climb, except for a slight decline in 1952. Its presidents, meanwhile, have included *Hil F. Best*, who came into office in 1948 when the roster had reached 4,382 and by 1950 had jumped to 4,818; *Ignatz Reinecke*, a much-beloved member who died only a few months after his election; *Ben Reeves*, who continued as president from 1952 to 1956, when the membership stood at 5,220; *Fred Barovick*, under whose administration the Society continued to grow as also under the present outgoing president, *Larry Edmunds*. His potential successor is *Bob Yant*, whose well-known abilities promise more of the able leadership that will help continue the successful growth of the S.P.A.—the friendly stamp society for all collectors.

—DAVID SWIT
GUEST EDITOR
S.P.A. EDITION

Leo Eaton, Editor of the Stamp Market Tips column, is on a trip abroad, and no notes have been received from him this week, so the column is necessarily omitted from this issue.

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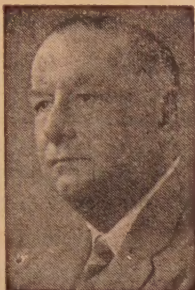
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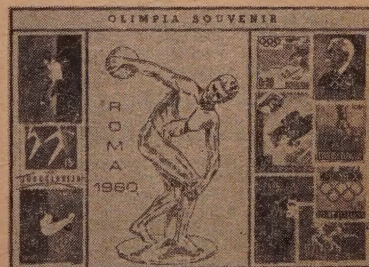
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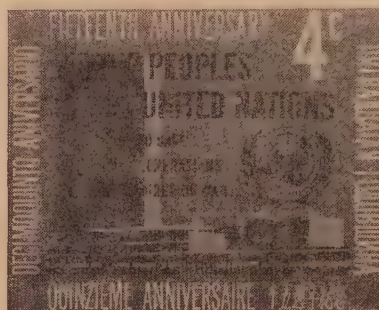
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The stamps will be steel-engraved and printed by the British-American Bank



Note Company Ltd., Ottawa, Canada. The stamp, which commemorates the fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations, was designed by R. Perrot (France) of the U.N. Graphic Presentation Unit. There will be three million of the 4c; 2,750,000 of the 8c; and one million of the souvenir sheet issued.

Further details about these issues and instructions for purchase of first-day covers will be released later.

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FIRST DAY SALE FIGURES

When the 1½c Palace of the Governors regular postage stamp in sheet and coil form went on first day sale June 17, 1960, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, there were 501,848 covers cancelled. No breakdown into the sheet and coil stamps was made for covers since many applied combinations to their own covers. There were 1,676,600 sheet stamps sold, and 988,000 coil stamps.

There were 211,500 of the 1½c embossed envelopes in unprecanceled form cancelled at Birmingham, Ala., June 25, 1960.

There were 196,977 of the 2½c embossed envelopes in unprecanceled form cancelled at Chicago, Ill., May 28, 1960.

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

Los Angeles, California; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Seattle, Washington, are added to the cities which will use the Fifth World Forestry cancellation from time of receipt through September 10, 1960.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is using two die hubs (August 1-31, 1960) for "25 Years Social Security in America."

Airmail Inaugurals

About August 23, 1960, United Airlines will inaugurate new jet airmail service at Omaha, Nebr., and official cachet will be furnished for the post office and airport mail facility for the first eastbound and westbound flights. Covers with airmail postage affixed and advising they are for first flight should reach the following at least five days prior to flight date: Superintendent, Airport Mail Facility, Municipal Airport, Omaha, Nebr.; and Postmaster, Omaha, Nebr.

About Sept. 1, 1960, Allegheny Airlines will inaugurate new airmail service at Islip, New York; Reading, Pa.; Hartford, Conn.; and Springfield, Mass. Official cachets will be furnished at all these points, and covers may be sent to the postmasters of those cities with request to carry on first flight. Covers must reach postmasters at least five days prior to flight.

U.N. Displays and Films Available to Clubs and Exhibitions

THE United Nations Postal Administration has available for loan to stamp exhibition committees, panels displaying stamps and other postal items used and sold at United Nations Headquarters.

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Further information available from United Nations Postal Administration, United Nations, New York, N. Y.

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| 85 | 2c | 1898 | .75 | 3.00 | ... |
| 86 | 2c | | .90 | 3.80 | ... |
| 311 | 4c | 1951 | .12 | .48 | .65 |
| 312 | 5c | | .35 | 1.40 | 4.25 |
| 313 | 7c | | .17 | .68 | .90 |
| 314 | 15c | | .30 | 1.20 | 1.25 |
| 315 | 4c | | .07 | .28 | .55 |
| 316 | 20c | 1952 | .33 | 1.32 | 1.35 |
| 317 | 4c | | .07 | .28 | .40 |
| 318 | 3c | | .06 | .24 | .45 |
| 319 | 4c | | .10 | .40 | .45 |
| 320 | 7c | | .10 | .40 | .50 |
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Flag Cancels have been found from almost 3,200 towns in the continental United States. They also were used in territories and dependencies, at military, naval, and exhibition stations, in streetcar post offices, and in the Railway Mail Service.

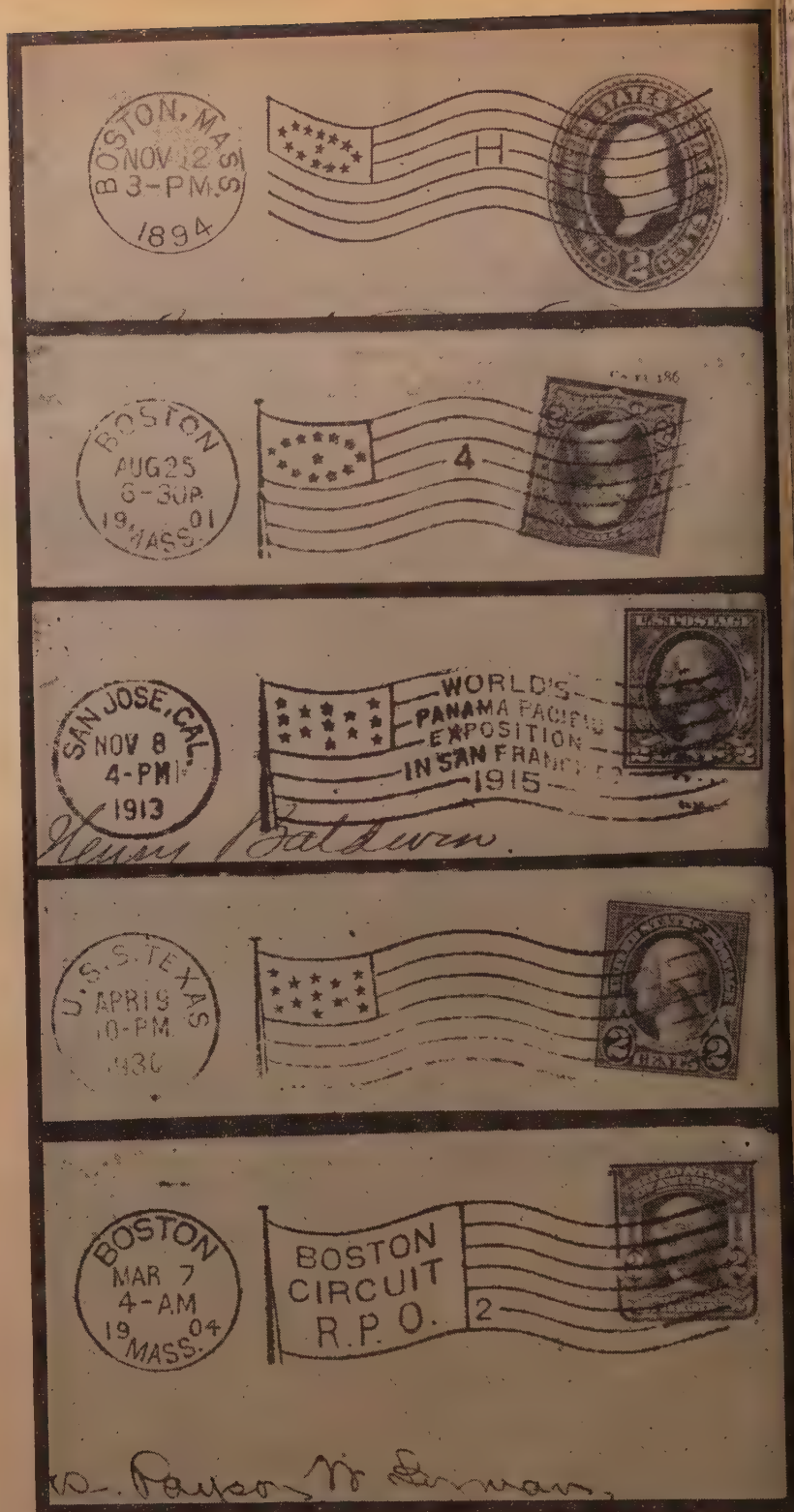
By the time the last Flag saw service on a cancelling machine, in 1941, more than 6,700 easy-to-recognize varieties had been created by changes in locale, dies, etc.

This may appear to be a lot of cancels, but it is relatively easy to get the first 5,000. The long period of use means no one is hoarding quantities of the more elusive cancels to make collectors pay high prices.

Of course, the "made-to-order cover" mania can never enter this field, and Flags are the only group of U. S. cancels for which there is a catalog listing all varieties.

Before going into details on how to collect these, let's look into the background of Flag Cancels and define the term.

Normally a Flag cancel consists of (1) a circular postmark and (2)



Flag cancels referred to in accompanying article: (top to bottom) Fig. 1—An example of the first variety, used in Boston 1894-95; earliest known is Oct. 31, 1894. Fig. 2—One of the many different flag specialty series, the ovate, so-called because stars are arranged in an oval. The die shown was used in Boston from 1900 to 1902. Fig. 3—Another specialty is slogan flags; specimen shown, from San Jose, Calif., was used from 1913 to 1915 to promote the Panama Pacific Exposition. Fig. 4—Naval ship flags are among the smaller and more elusive series. The illustrated one is of the type used on the U.S.S. Texas from 1929 to 1934. Fig. 5—Street-car R.P.O. flags are also among scarcer items; example shown is a type used from 1902 to 1913.

up-invalidating device having stars, a staff, or both, with wire outline in the shape of a

ough we are discussing pri- the cancels made by the ean Postal Machines Co., four manufacturers of cancelling es made some sixteen varieties ggs, and a number of hand- Flag Cancels exist.

brothers who developed the rapid cancelling machines in ited States, *Frank and Martin* ge, founded the American ay, and it was incorporated in For the next three or four until the firm gained recogni- om the U. S. Post Office De- ent, its machines were in use a Boston.

889 the department rented the ny's machines for use in other and in the 1890's the firm be- he government's biggest sup- ff mechanical cancelling equip-

first Flag die replaced a six- t-bar canceller on an Amer- machine in the main Boston ffice. By the end of 1894 Flag es were in use in Washington, and Chicago.

first some citizens objected to of the nation's flag as a can- device, but post office offi- decided the use was acceptable, the end of 1895 sixteen com- es were employing Flags.

cancels spread rapidly, start- 1896, and by 1900 nearly 500 in service, in almost every Their use was increased due roval of a series of new com- n electric-hand machines pro- by the American company.

cancel entered its decade of videspread use in 1910, and the Twentieth Century the became the cancel of most me- ize towns in the United States. e major cities, only New Or- never employed Flags.

Flags used before 1904 were driven, and like all machine ers, generally were confined e class post offices. Then the Postcard Craze began, with everyone mailing many post- each week, and this helped irth to the first of a series of owered Flag machines.

ll-town post offices, which had sing handstamps, started get- cancelling machines rather than the expense of hiring more rs to cancel the postcards by

s mainly this series of hand- ld Flag machines that contin-

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Jefferson Memorial, Saint Louis, Missouri

ued in service into the 1930's. They displaced the electric American machines, and the post office generally began supplying the larger towns with newer and speedier competing makes.

The American company's business declined until it was dissolved in 1922, and the Flag machines gradually were transferred to small towns.

In 1935 another firm began producing hand-driven machines with an

ordinary design canceller, and by 1939 there were only 100 Flags in use. In 1940 the figure was down to twenty, and the Flag era ended in 1941 at Sidney Center, N. Y.

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| 548-550 | 1c to 5c Pilgrims | 3.25 | 750-751 | National Park souvenir sheets | 3.65 |
| 614-616 | 1c to 5c Huguenot Walloons | 3.00 | C1-C6 | 1st & 2nd issue airmails | 21.50 |
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| *7 | .15 | *196 | .20 | 270 | .10 | 332 | .40 |
| *90 | .35 | *197 | .35 | *270 | .10 | 333 | .60 |
| *91 | .50 | *198 | .40 | 272 | .50 | 334 | 1.25 |
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Several factors affect the scarcity of Flags, although no one can say with certainty that a particular variety is almost unobtainable. The cancellation volume of a post office and the duration of use of a particular variety are major factors in judging a Flag's availability.

Some, but not all, slogans and specimens from the territories and possessions, are among the scarcer Flags.

New England Flags and those of other northern states, where preservation of old correspondence was a common practice, generally are the most common, while Flag cancels from small southern towns are relatively scarcer. In general, when any Flag was used two years or more enough specimens turn up to satisfy collectors.

Unless a Flag is on a private postcard that has an especially interesting view of the town where the cancel was employed, most collectors include cards only if the same variety has not come their way on an envelope.

In either case, Flags should be kept as entires, not 2 x 4 cutouts or envelope fronts, which generally serve only as space fillers until one acquires an intact copy.

Looseleaf binders or filing boxes are among the favorite means of housing Flags. Your choice of method probably will hinge on what Flags you collect, since the number of ways to collect them is virtually limitless.

All persons have the same chance of building a distinctive collection, and perhaps you might want to start with Flags from your home state.

Massachusetts, for example, used 773 varieties of Flags (400 in Boston) in 158 towns, while Wisconsin had 164 examples from 101 towns, and 185 Texas communities produced 269 varieties.

New York City was responsible for 180 of the 508 varieties used in 177 towns in the Empire State, and by contrast Washington provided 91

examples from 56 towns while Delaware had 6 varieties in 8 towns.

If the geographical approach doesn't appeal to you, you might try collecting by the so-called specialty series. Among them are Flags with the stars arranged in oval (Figure 2), slogan Flags (Figure 3); naval ship Flags (Figure 4) and street railway or Post Office Flags (Figure 5).

Many other specialties exist, and it can be just as challenging to complete a small field as a larger specialty because the cancels for the small group often are more elusive. Any course you choose, the wonderful thing is that this is a collector's field, where money can't replace enthusiasm, and—as in romance—the chase is half the fun.

(Editor's Note—The author of this article is publicity chairman of the Society of Philatelic Americans, and secretary of the Atlanta (Ga.) Stamp Collectors Club. He would like to hear from persons—novices or old-timers—interested in collecting Flag Cancels, or in plans for a Flag Cancel Society. Write to him at 2523 Pineview Dr., Decatur, Ga.

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Edwin Mueller's *Handbook of the Pre-Stamp Postmarks of Austria*, published by The Collectors Club, 22 East 37th Street, New York 16, N. Y. \$12.50 postpaid.

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Besides the postmark illustrations, many covers are shown. The work obviously represents a tremendous amount of research. Originally a serial article in the *Collectors Club Philatelist*, the work now has many new listings and charts and is published under the sponsorship of the Theodore E. Steinway Memorial Publication Fund, established by the Collectors Club.

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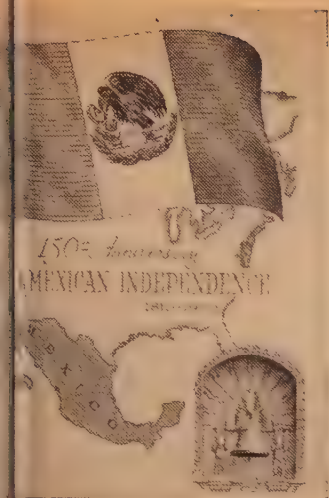
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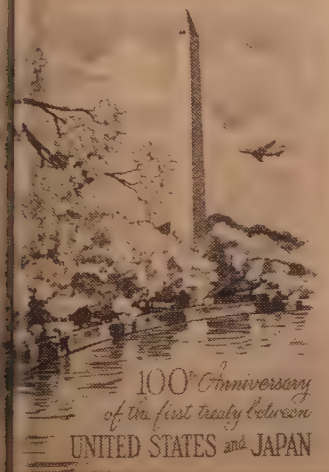
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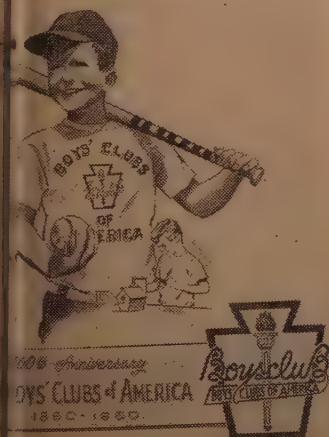
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Japanese Souvenir Sheets

By Marian Carne Zinsmeister

S.P.A. L.M.-130

ARE YOU at the end of your rope on your regular collection, or just plain tired of trying to find that last stamp or two to complete a country? Why not try Japanese souvenir sheets for a change? They are still quite plentiful, not too expensive, but are most interesting for study purposes. There are a number of countries that have issued souvenir sheets in sufficient numbers to make a specialty collection, but I suggest Japan because that country has issued more than any other.

The Japanese souvenir sheets can be put into several categories, and one can collect any one or all of them in such a specialty collection. Added interest is provided by the fact that different types of printing have been used, as well as a variety of papers. But you will not find any errors because these sheets are most carefully checked before they are released for sale.

One can take an imaginary sight-seeing trip on Japan's national parks sheets. These, by the way, come enclosed in a specially prepared folder with a map of the park and the surrounding district, as well as a complete description of the particular park, in English and Japanese. Or, you can study ancient Japanese history brought down to date on their lottery prize sheets. These are sheets of four or five stamps, used as prizes in the annual lottery. The stamps are good for postage, and though they are not recognized as sheets by Scott, will give you hours of pleasure.

Philatelists of Japan, who take their hobby very seriously, have been influential in bringing about the country's first souvenir sheet, No. C-8, issued in connection with a postal exhibit. Since then fourteen have been issued for philatelic exhibitions, and five for Japan's philatelic week. In recent years, however, this "week" has been honored only by a single stamp.

All of the details of these souvenir sheets have appeared in the *S.P.A. Journal* through the year 1957. Each



Lottery Prize Souvenir Sheet, with Scott #617, Kokeshi Doll.

month our members are given one or more souvenir sheet tabulations. I will be glad to give you more information concerning the *S.P.A. Journal* and collecting souvenir sheets if you will write me at 340 N. Pine Ave., Chicago 44, Illinois.

The listings which follow will give you, first, the Scott number, then consecutively the year of issue and the subject of the design.

NATIONAL PARKS: Scott #283-a, 1938, Nikko; #288-a, 1939, Setonaikai; #293-a, 1939, Aso; #306-a, 1940, Daisetsuzan; #311-a, 1940, Kirishima; #318-a, 1941, containing one each of 315-318, and #323-a, 1941, containing one each of #320-323, Daiton, Niitaka-Arisan, and Tugitaka-Taroko-Formosa; #453-a, 1949, Yoshino Kumano; #463-a, 1949, Fuji Hakone; #504-a, 1950, Akan; #528-a, 1951, Towada; #564-a, 1952, Chubu Sangaku; #572-a, 1952, Bandai Asahi; #582-a, 1953, Shikotsu Toya; #586-a, 1953, Ise Shima; #593-a, 1953, Unzen; #601-a, 1954, Joshin Etsu; #608-a, 1955, Chichibu Tama; #613-a, 1955, Rikuchu Coast; #652-a, 1955, Saikai.

PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS: Scott #C8, 1934, postal exhibit; #358-a, 1947, stamp exhibition at Sapporo; #367-a, 1947, ditto at Kyoto; #385-a, 1947, ditto at Tokyo; #401, 1948, communications exhibit at Osaka; #402, 1948, ditto at Nagoya; #407, 1948, stamp exhibit at Mishima; #409, 1948, communications exhibit at Tokyo; #410, 1948, ditto at Fukushima; #411, 1948, stamp exhibit at Aomori City; #415, 1948, ditto at Kumamoto;

#423, 1948, ditto at Kanagawa and Kaska; #437, 1948, ditto at Nagasaki; #438, 1948, ditto at Shikoku.

PHILATELIC WEEKS: Scott #395, 1934, hobby week; #422-a, 1948, philatelic week; #479-a, 1949, ditto; #509-a, 1950, ditto.

SPECIAL PURPOSES: Scott #B11, 1934, semi-postal sheet for Red Cross and Community Chest; #214-217-a, 1934, 1st International Congress of Red Cross; #218-221-a, 1935, visit of Emperor Hirohito to Tokyo; #222, 1935, New Year greetings; #378-a, 1946, 75th anniversary postal service in Japan; #381-a, 1946, enforcement of Constitution; #396, 1946, 75th anniversary railway service in Japan; #408, 1948, exhibit of Hokusai's work; #456, 1949, children's exposition at Ise; #457, 1949, electrical communications week, radio tower; #475-a, 1949, 75th anniversary U.P.U.; #513-a, 1951, honoring Himeji Castle; #514-a, 1951, 80th anniversary postal service in Japan; #518, 1951, honoring Nyoirin Kannon of Odaiba Temple; #546-a, 1951, Ishiyama Temple; #575-a, 1952, birthday of Prince Akihito; #668-a, 1959, wedding of Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko.

In the listings of the Lottery Prize Sheets, which follow, the information comes in this order: the Scott number, year, date, number of stamps in sheet, and subject of the design. These are the sheets which have previously mentioned as not being listed by Scott. However, the stamps included in the sheet were also used as single stamps, which are listed, and these are the Scott numbers used in our listing.

LOTTERY PRIZES: Scott #498, 1934, five, tiger; #510, 1951, five, hare; #511, 1952, four, mask; #576, 1953, four, Sasabazusa doll; #594, 1953, four, wood horse; #606, 1954, four, tumbler doll; #617, 1955, four, Kokeshi doll; #618, 1956, four, whale; #644, 1957, four, dog; #662, 1958, four, toy of Takamatsu; #685, 1959, four, toy mouse.

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SPA Convention Program Wednesday, August 17

8:00 P.M.—Pre-convention get-together with SPA's Official Family in the Mound City Suite.

Thursday, August 18

8:00 P.M.—SPA Convention Session, President Edmunds presiding, Parlor 1.

Friday, August 19

10:00 A.M.—Opening Registration for SPA Members and Guests.

10:00 A.M.—Ceremony Opening the Exhibition and Bourse in the Ivory Room.

10:00 A.M.—Opening of the Convention Post Office and Philatelic Station.

11:30 A.M.—Ladies meet in the Mound City Suite for refreshments, and later leave for "Dutch Treat" luncheon.

12:00 M.—First Day Sale Ceremonies for the 7c airmail booklet, with Officials of the Post Office and City presiding.

1:00 P.M.—Mulefest—Missouri Precancel Club.

2:00 P.M.—Conducted tour of the exhibition for Juniors.

3:00 P.M.—Meetings of specialty groups—see Registration desk.

5:00 P.M.—Convention Post Office closes.

7:00 P.M.—SPA Convention Session, President Edmunds presiding, Parlor 1.

9:00 P.M.—Informal get-together to meet out-of-towners in the Mound City Suite.

10:00 P.M.—Bourse and Exhibition Closes.

Saturday, August 20

10:00 A.M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Registration Opens.

10:00 A.M.—Convention Post Office and Philatelic Station Opens.

11:00 A.M.—SPA Convention Session, President Edmunds presiding, Parlor 1.

11:30 A.M.—Ladies assemble for trip to St. Albans, tour of the Missouri River area "Dutch Treat" luncheon, cards and prizes.

1:00 P.M.—Mulefest—Missouri Precancel Club.

2:00 P.M.—Conducted tour of the exhibition for Juniors.

3:00 P.M.—Mound City Stamp Club Auction.

5:00 P.M.—Convention Post Office Closes.

6:30 P.M.—Cocktails in the Crystal Room.

7:00 P.M.—Banquet, Installation of SPA Officers, Presentation of exhibition awards, in the Crystal Room.

10:00 P.M.—Bourse and Exhibition Closes.

Sunday, August 21

Church of your choice—see schedule in lobby.

10:00 A.M.—Bourse and Exhibition Opens.

10:30 A.M.—Philatelic Writers Breakfast in the Coffee Shop.

11:00 A.M.—Mulefest—Missouri Precancel Club.

1:00 P.M.—Conducted tour of exhibition for Juniors.

5:00 P.M.—Final Closing of the Bourse and Exhibition.

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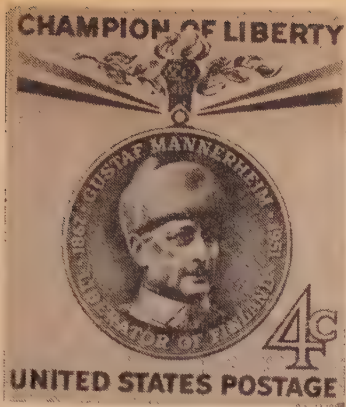
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Mannerheim Champion of Liberty Stamp Announced

POSTMASTER General Arthur E. Summerfield and United States Ambassador to Finland, *Edson O. Sessions*, announced on August 6, 1960 in Washington, D. C. and Helsinki, Finland, the forthcoming issuance of a set of 4c and 8c "Champion of Liberty" stamps honoring the great Finnish soldier, statesman and statesman—*Baron Karl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim*—Marshal and President of Finland.

There will be 120 million of the stamps in the 4c denomination for use on domestic letter mail, printed in blue on paper, and 40 million of the 8c denomination for international surface mail. They will be printed in red, blue, black, and placed on first-day sale,



October 26, 1960, at Washington, D. C. The following day they will be on sale in all 36,000 United States post offices. Each stamp will carry the legend "Gustaf Mannerheim—Liberator of Finland."

land" and the dates of Mannerheim's birth and death 1867-1951, spaced around the likeness of Mannerheim reproduced on a medallion.

"Field Marshal Baron Karl Gustaf Mannerheim is regarded in Finland as the outstanding leader in the young nation's bitterest years of crisis," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said. "His unswerving devotion to his country and his long period of service to it, both in peace and in war, have set him apart as Finland's greatest national hero and champion of the liberties which Finns so greatly cherish.

"Marshal Mannerheim led the Finnish armed forces in his country's struggle for independence in 1918, during the Winter War of 1939-40, and again during the Continuation War (World War II). He was called on twice during his long and distinguished career, in 1918



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and again in 1944, to head a new government and direct the rebuilding of his country. He was a man beyond politics, for he espoused no party or group but was a patriot acting only for Finland's welfare.

"In commemorating Marshal Mannerheim by these 'Champion of Liberty' stamps, the United States renders homage to a man and the people for whom he is a symbol. This tribute to Finland's greatest hero reflects the admiration and respect which Americans hold for the gallant people of that northern land."

In announcing these stamps in Helsinki Ambassador Sessions said, "The memory of Marshal Mannerheim is revered by all Finns who put their country above any other and who reject political philosophies contrary to their long tradition. His photograph can be seen today in many homes in Finland. His statues, including a notable equestrian one dedicated in Helsinki on June 4th of this year, are to be found in many places throughout the country. Marshal Mannerheim has become the symbol of the best qualities of the Finns.

"The honor being paid Marshal Mannerheim, who was three times the nation's military hero and twice served as its Chief of State, by the United States Government is one more indication of the high regard which the American public has for the freedom-loving people of Finland."

Plans are being completed in Helsinki by United States Ambassador Sessions for a ceremony to be held there on Wednesday, October 26, 1960, to coincide with the first-day sale of the Mannerheim stamps in Washington, D. C.

Marshal Mannerheim was born in Askainen, June 4, 1867, son of Count Karl Robert Mannerheim and Hedvig Charkotta Helena von Julin.

Mannerheim attended the Finnish Military Academy from 1882 to 1886 and passed his matriculation examination in 1887, and subsequently attended Nikolayev's Cavalry School, 1887-89.

From 1889 until 1914, he served in the Russian Czar's forces during those last years of Russia's regency over Finland and not only commanded mounted troops, but served at the Court Ministry and at the Officers' Cavalry Academy and at one time commanded the Emperor's Ulan Regiment Bodyguard. He also participated in the Russo-Japanese War.

At the outbreak of World War I he was Commander of the Separate Guards Cavalry Brigade in Warsaw. He held several commands as a Major General in World War I from 1914 until the Czarist armies disintegrated.

On January 28, 1918, he was appointed Supreme Commander of the Finnish Army, liberated the country and marched into Helsinki May 16, 1918. Subsequently he resigned his army command and accepted temporarily the Regency, while working for the recognition of Finland's independence by France and Great Britain.

Twenty years later Marshal Mannerheim was called upon to defend his country against aggression. During the Winter War and the Continuation War (World War II), Mannerheim was the highest leader of Finnish defense forces; a uniting power who enjoyed absolute trust and the highest esteem. With the cessation of hostilities he was elected President of the Republic in 1944 and it was then his task to lead the country in peace.

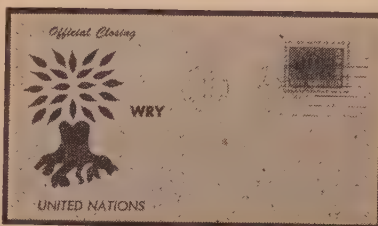
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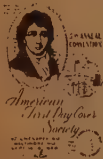


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Parade of Bureau Precancels OHIO (Continued)

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ere are a couple of good ones to be d among the small Old Style coils, e being the 3c Lincoln and 1½c side- Hardings. Nothing scarce in the idential section from Toledo although 6c wide spacing is not too plentiful. oungstown used but three large Old e coils. The 1½c sideview Harding is really the good one of the two



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othing scarce among the small Old e or Presidential from this city, but 11c Presidential coils certainly is worth e a bit more than the others listed. 1c wide Defense from Youngstown a scarce item.

his completes the cities that used a the large and small Old Style over- t. Let's see what others we missed. rban, 1½c Full Face Harding coils the small Old Style, G-C. Cat. No. 8 is a rare one. Bureau records show the plate for this coil went to press January 4, 1932. It was ordered for use of Howard Paper Inc. of Urbana, o, and used on circular mailings to ters who handled their line. Most of mail copies show traces of clipping the affixing machine. Even in this dition they are not too plentiful and st collections do not have them.

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There are but two red-violet War Bureaus. Scott lists this one as purple, No. 905b. The Gunesch-Coda Catalog number is K110A. One hails from Los Angeles, already mentioned in the Parade of Bureaus, while the second one was used by Fremont, Ohio.

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With some fifty plates of 240 each used during the course of thirty years, the Penny Ship design was reproduced photographically innumerable times and, what with different screenings and different printing methods, the inevitable defects, repaired impressions and the like, no less than 12,000 different stamps (20,000 if one includes overprinted ones) exist. Thorough knowledge of printing processes and techniques makes it possible to divide them into twelve main groups and, from there, the fun begins. And fun it can be, as anyone reading the Springbok volume or the present one can see. This is real scientific philately in its highest degree.

Only 5,000 positions have thus far been definitely determined, so much remains to be done. Who wants to pitch in? The results in creative satisfaction would be great.

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ing a selection of stamps. He then asked
her to wait while he went to his car to
get another list. He did not return, and
she soon discovered that one stockbook
containing stock sheets size 8½ x 11 in
a green, hard-top cover, was missing. She
has asked us to give a description of the
man and the missing stamps in the hope
that some one of our readers might get
a lead on him that will bring about re-
covery of the stamps, and also as a fore-
warning to others. He carried with him
a brown or black attaché case, into which
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BELGIUM—Our thanks to the well known Stamp designer and sculptor *Jean Van Noten*, Brussels, for photographs of the three-value set which he designed, called "Congo Airlift—1960." The stamps, scheduled to have been issued the week



of July 30, 1960, are for the benefit of the Belgian Refugee Fund. The values are 40c. + 10c., 3F. + 1.50F., and 6F. + 3F. The designs interpret the airlift between the Congo and Belgium in the form of a rainbow. Mr. Van Noten comments that he chose this symbol because, according to the Bible, the rainbow is the symbol of reconciliation given by the Lord to Noah after the flood.

BRAZIL—Our thanks to *Gen. Arnaldo Franca* and *Jose Almir Mendes* for copies and first day covers of the following new issues:

On July 23, 1960, a Cr. \$3.30, orange stamp was issued to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Boy Scouts of Brazil. Designed by Bernardino Lancetta

and engraved by Gildasio Souza Ferreira, the stamp was printed by rotogravure, on paper watermarked "Brasil-star-Correio," in sheets of twenty-five, in an edition of five million.

On July 28, 1960, a Cr. \$2.50, brown stamp was issued honoring the centenary of the Department of Agriculture. The stamp, designed by Bernardino Lancetta and engraved by Gildasio de Souza Ferreira, was printed by rotogravure on paper watermarked "Brasil-star-Correio," in sheets of twenty-five, in an edition of five million.

Our thanks to *Gen. Franca* for the above information. *Gen. Franca* also reports that on August 5th or 6th, 1960, a stamp honoring the Portuguese navigator, Infante D. Henrique, was scheduled to have been issued, and that on August 15, 1960, a stamp will be issued to honor Miss Maria Ester Bueno, tennis champion.

BULGARIA—Our thanks to *C. Pantofchieff* for a first day cover, dated June 23, 1960, of the 1.25L stamp honoring the Soviet 1959 Moon Rocket flight. The blue and yellow stamp was designed by B. Agneluchev, and printed in an edition of 100,000 perforated copies and 50,000 imperforate copies. Information from May 20, 1960 edition of *Philatelic Magazine*, London.

CHINA (FORMOSA) — On August 20, 1960, a set of two stamps will be



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On September 19, 1960, a set of two Europa stamps will be issued in the values of 30 mk. and 40 mk. The stamps, engraved by B. Ekholm, will have an edition of three million each.

On October 13, 1960, a 30 mk. stamp will be issued to honor the 150th anniversary of the birth of Pastor Uno Cygnaeus, Father of the elementary school in Finland. The stamp, designed by Pentti Rahikainen and engraved by R. Achren, will have an edition of two million. Our thanks to the *General Direction of Posts* for the above information.

HAITI—On August 18, 1960, a seven-value set and souvenir sheet will be issued to honor the Olympic Games at Rome. The values, colors and designs are as follows: ordinary mail—G0.10, black and orange, Olympic torch, view of Olympic stadium at Melbourne, and vignette of Olympic winners at Athens in 1896; G0.20, blue and light red, discus thrower and Rome stadium; G0.50, green and light brown, parade of athletes at Melbourne games and Olympic funder, Pierre de Coubertin; G1.00, brown and light blue, view of stadium in Athens in 1896; airmails—G0.50, purple and yellow-brown. Pierre de Coubertin, Olympic torch and Olympic stadium in Melbourne; G1.50, red and yellow-green, discus thrower and view of Rome Olympic stadium; G2.50, olive-grey and rose, parade of athletes at Melbourne in 1956 and parade of winners in Athens in 1896. The souvenir sheet contains the G1.00 and G2.50 denominations.

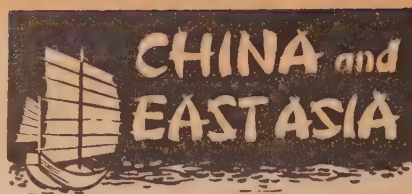
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KOREA (SOUTH) — On August 3, 1960, a 40 Hwan purple orange and brown-ochre stamp was issued to honor the 75th anniversary of the modern educational system in Korea. The stamp, designed by Choon Whan Kang, depicts Nae-Hoon (the old method of education) and the new modern classroom method. The stamp was lithographed by the Korean Government Printing Agency on watermarked paper, in sheets of fifty, in an edition of 500,000. A souvenir sheet, in an edition of 50,000, was also issued.

On the day of the 1960 inaugural session of the House of Councilors, a 40 Hwan grey-blue stamp will be issued, depicting the Hibiscus (national flower) and the House of Councilors in session. The stamp will be lithographed on watermarked paper, in sheets of fifty, by the Korean Government Printing Agency. The stamp, designed by Choon Whan Kang, will have an edition of 500,000. A miniature sheet will also be issued in an edition of 50,000.

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On September 19, 1960, a "bushes and trees" set, will be issued in the following values, colors and designs: 20 rappen, ochre-sepia, beech tree at Gafadura; 30 rappen, dark red, juniper tree at Alpila; 50 rappen, blue-green, kneepine at Sass. The stamps were designed by Kanonikus Martin Frommelt and printed by Courvoisier, in sheets of twenty. The plate numbers are 1 and 2.

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—Joachim Dill

SUDAN—On September 6, 1960, a three-value set will be issued to honor the Fifth World Forestry Congress to be held in Seattle, Washington, consisting of the following values and colors: 15 millimes, grey; 30 millimes, blue-grey; 55 millimes, green-grey. The stamps will depict a Tebeldi tree (*Adansonia digitata*) and a Delieb forest (*Borassus Aethiopum*). The set was printed on multiple S.G. watermarked paper by Messrs. Thomas de la Rue & Co., London, by lithography, in sheets of fifty.

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Coming Events

Aug 17—The St. Petersburg Stamp Club meeting at Bache & Co., 556 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla., William F. Drury will present program on "Books Issued by the National Philatelic Museum."

Aug. 18-21—The American Philatelic Society will hold its 74th annual convention and exhibition at the Sheraton-Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

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Sept. 14-18—A 250-frame exhibition will be one of the features of CHESAPEX '60, in Baltimore, Md. Exhibition is sponsored by the American F.D. Cover Society, the Confederate Stamp Alliance, the United Postal Stationery Society and the Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area. Only the first day cover society's exhibition section is open to all collectors. The other exhibitions are restricted to members of the participating societies. Entry blanks from Herbert N. De Moss, 1103 Argonne Dr., Baltimore 18, Md.

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Oct. 15-16—The Kent Philatelic Society will hold its annual fall exhibition and bourse in the ballroom of the Manger Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich. Hours are Saturday, 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.; Sunday, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. A 100-frame

exhibition is planned. Bourse chairman is Lyle Spees, Box 95, Station C, Grand Rapids, Mich. Further information is available from Reeves Simms, 1433 Burton S.E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.

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Oct. 21-23—The Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs will hold its 25th SOJEX at the Hotel Jefferson, Kentucky Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. Specialist groups will include the Aero Philatelists, Inc., and the American Topical Association. A prospectus of the show is available from Mary M. Gormley, 113A N. California Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

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